

Utah Cancer Action Network

Working Together to Prevent and Control Cancer

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What is UCAN?

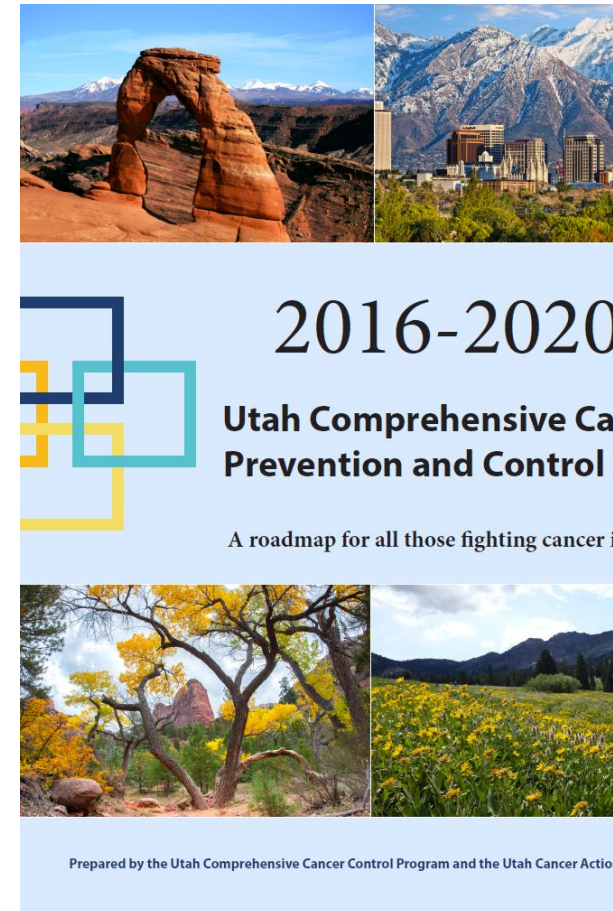
- Utah Cancer Action Network (UCAN) is the largest cancer coalition in Utah
- Approximately 200 members from over 90 organizations
- Comprised of a diverse, professional group of stakeholders across the state
 - State and local health departments
 - Private and nonprofit organizations
 - Academic institutions
 - Researchers
 - Physicians
 - Cancer survivors
 - Caregivers
 - Patients
 - Advocates
- UCAN is led by a volunteer Executive Committee who meets monthly
- UCAN general membership meets quarterly



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2016-2020 Utah State Cancer Plan

- “A roadmap for all those fighting cancer in Utah”
- Guides efforts of UCAN, government, and community organizations
- UCAN Priorities and Collaboration Priorities



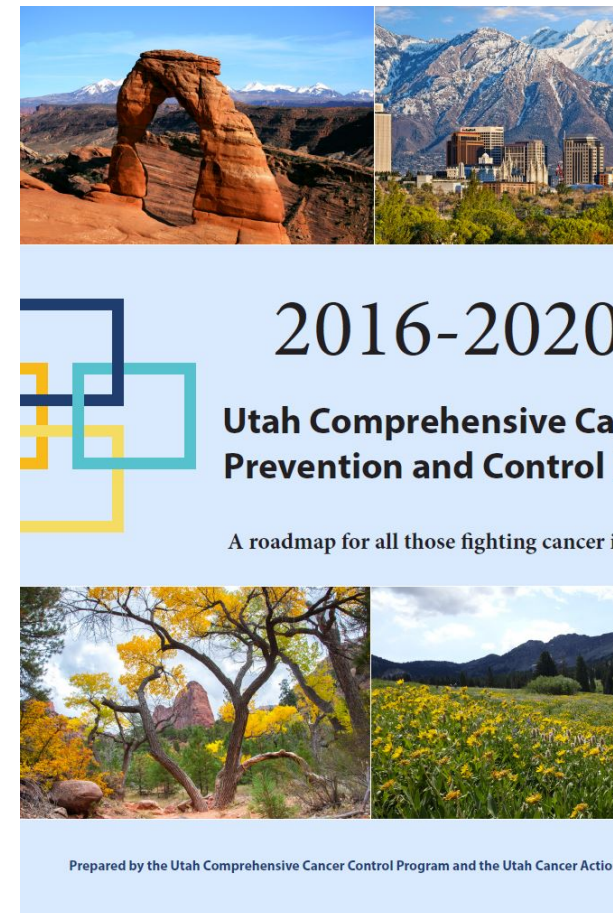
State Cancer Plan

○ UCAN Priorities

- Cancer Screening
- Physical Activity & Nutrition
- Skin Cancer
- Cancer Survivorship & Quality of Life

○ Represent the highest burden areas for the coalition and reflects UCAN's desire to achieve meaningful and lasting impact during the next five years.

○ Each priority includes a set of evidence-based *goals, strategies, action steps, and targets for change.*



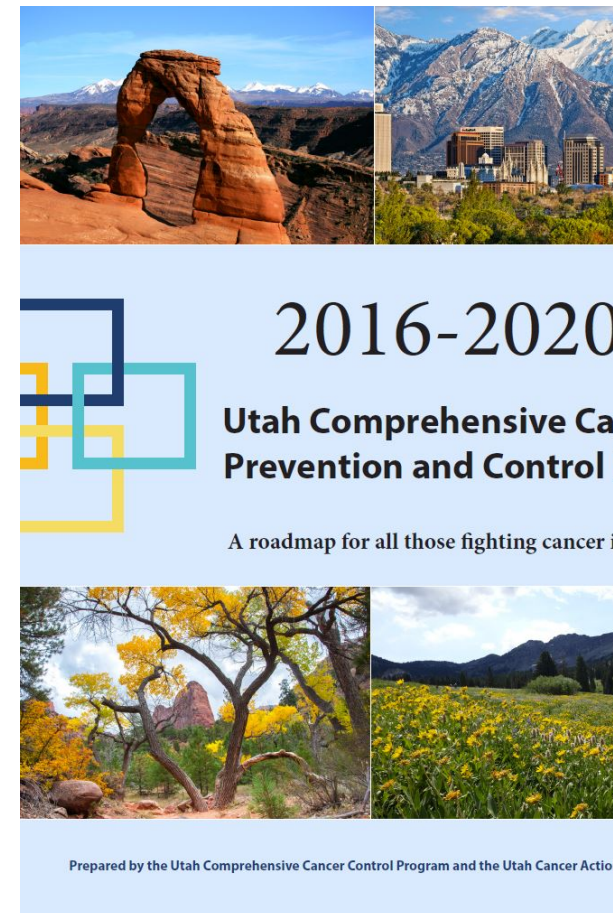
State Cancer Plan

○ Collaboration Priorities

- Genomics
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Radon
- Tobacco

○ Represents high burden areas for the state that will be led by outside organizations through which UCAN can help expand reach and improve outcomes.

○ Each priority includes a description of the organizations who are involved with the work, a list of *strategies*, and how UCAN can collaborate.



UCAN and Radon 2011-2015

- UCAN priority for past five years
- Addressed through programmatic interventions, education, and funding opportunities
- Coordinating the work became confusing as the issue became more prominent
 - Policy work was difficult
 - Messages became muddled
 - Competition between UCAN and other organizations

UCAN and Radon 2016-2020

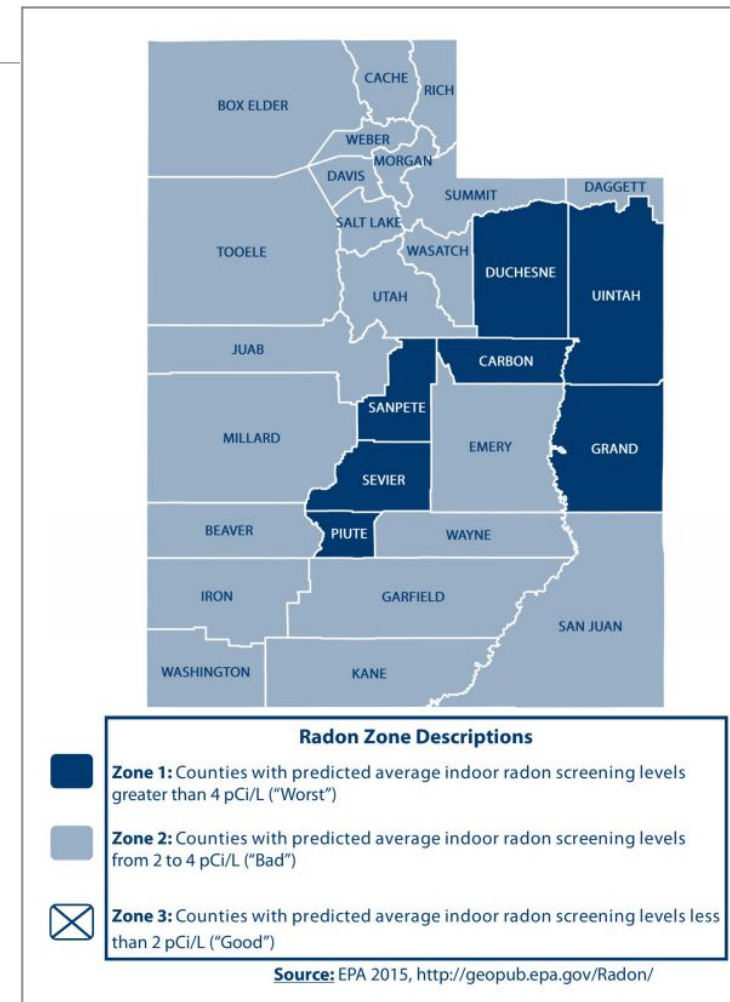
- Changing focus for next five years
- Efforts to address radon have grown dramatically in recent years
- A more diverse pool of partners is addressing radon statewide
 - Utah Radon Coalition
 - Utah Radon Policy Coalition
 - Huntsman Cancer Institute
 - Local Health Departments
 - Home builders and radon mitigators
 - School districts

Becoming more important to leverage radon partners and coordinate efforts



Addressing Radon

- Leverage resources and collaborate around 3 key strategies



Addressing Radon

Strategy A: Work with partners to establish a statewide surveillance program to track and monitor radon.

Activities	
1	Establish data priorities regarding the collection and reporting of number of tests conducted in the state.
2	Partner with the Utah Cancer Registry to gather timely, accurate, and complete statistics about diagnosis, treatment, and conclusion of radon-induced disease.
3	Compile surveillance plans/programs from other states to model potential programs after.
4	Support policy that requires radon measurers and mitigators to submit testing and mitigation data to a statewide program.
5	Improve the quality of professional radon gas measuring and remediation by supporting a policy that requires the training, testing, and licensing of radon measurers and mitigators.
6	Continue to collect data from subsidized home self-test kits.

- Utah Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Radon Policy Coalition

Addressing Radon

Strategy B: Provide radon awareness activities for the general public that demonstrate the importance, feasibility, and value of radon testing and mitigation.

Activities	
1	The Utah Department of Health will add radon awareness questions to the BRFSS to help develop a radon awareness baseline and assess the results of radon awareness activities.
2	Secure funding to create and launch a statewide radon awareness campaign to include television, radio, and other electronic and print media ads.
3	Support National Radon Action Month (NRAM).
4	Support the national radon poster contest.
5	Work with state, county, and local government agencies to provide radon awareness materials to residents.
6	Increase awareness concerning the cost efficiency of radon-resistant new construction.

○ Local Health Departments, Huntsman Cancer Institute, Utah Radon Coalition, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Addressing Radon

Strategy C: Increase radon testing and subsequent mitigation of high radon levels.

Activities	
1	Assist and encourage homeowners and home buyers to acquire and use self-test kits or hire certified radon-measurement specialists to test all buildings before they are sold and at the time of sale.
2	Assist and encourage homeowners and homebuyers to hire certified radon mitigators to remediate elevated radon levels in the home.
3	Develop funding to provide free mitigation services to low-income residents.
4	Promote radon testing and mitigation in schools and public buildings.
5	The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, community hospitals, and Utah health plans will help provide free radon test kits to new mothers throughout Utah.

○ Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Radon Coalition, Local Health Departments

How to Get Involved

- Addressing the radon problem in Utah will require collaboration
- Policy change, data tracking and monitoring, organizational buy-in in addition to education and awareness
- UCAN members are willing and able to help!

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The screenshot shows the Utah Cancer Action Network website. The header includes the logo, the tagline "Partner • Prevent • Advocate • Survive", and a "JOIN" button. A navigation bar contains links for "State Cancer Plan", "Members", "Become a Member", "Conference", and "Contact Us", along with a search bar. The main content area is titled "Radon" and includes a breadcrumb trail: "Home / State Cancer Plan / Radon". The text explains that radon is a leading cause of lung cancer and provides information on measurement and testing. A section titled "Strategy A" outlines the goal to "Work with partners to establish a statewide surveillance program to track and monitor radon." and lists the partners involved: the Utah Radon Coalition and the Utah Department of Health. A bulleted list details the strategy's goals: establishing data priorities, compiling surveillance plans from other states, supporting policy for radon testing and mitigation, and improving professional radon measurement and remediation.

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Radon

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Exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall. Radon is an odorless, invisible gas that occurs naturally in the ground where uranium and radium exist, which can move up through soil and into a home or building. Concentration of radon is measured in pico Curies per Liters (pCi/L). In Utah, one in three homes tested have elevated radon levels (above 4 pCi/L).

▼ **Strategy A**
Work with partners to establish a statewide surveillance program to track and monitor radon.

Who is addressing this strategy and how is UCAN partnering?

- Utah Radon Coalition: UCAN members actively participate in URC coalition meetings.
- Utah Department of Health: Division of Environmental Epidemiology is working with UCAN members to publish a radon white paper for use in legislative efforts.

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Questions?

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